

St. Stephen Parish

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Daily Mass: Mondays thru Saturdays 8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 p.m. or 30 min. before each Sunday Mass

Vigil Mass Saturday 4:30 p.m. Sunday Mass 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14, 2024

Mass and Distribu-
tion of Ashes

8:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

6:30 p.m.



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WEDNESDAY



Today's Music

Gathering

*"For The Fruits Of This
Creation" #212*

Preparation of the Gifts
*"Healing River of the Spirit"
#673*

Communion
*"Behold the Lamb" #341
"When We Eat This Bread"
#351*

Sending
"Celtic Alleluia" #382

Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

February 11, 2024

Encounter Jesus Christ. Love Jesus Christ. Live Jesus Christ.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

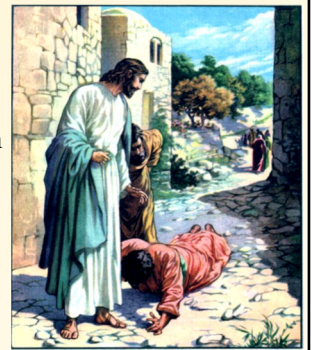
First Reading *Leviticus 13:1-2*, Psalm *Psalm 32*, Second Reading *1Corinthians 10:31*, Gospel *Mark 1:40-45*.

People in ancient Israel and Judah had a very limited concept of sin and grace. For many, God was a distant figure – one who had little patience and almost no mercy. There were real and lasting consequences for sin, and one of the worst was leprosy. It was thought to be a consequence of sin, and, as such, untreatable – and the sin unforgiveable. For the Jewish person trying to keep and observe all the laws of ritual purity, touching a leper could make you unclean and bring upon you all their misfortunes.

For thousands of years lepers were, for all intents and purposes, the “walking dead.” Their diagnosis cut them off from their families and left them on the furthest fringes of society. They could not work or have a family; they were deprived of their dignity, and treated as subhuman. They had to stay out of the towns, touch no one but other lepers, leave their heads uncovered in the hot, desert sun, and ring a bell calling out “unclean, unclean!” to deter other people from making contact with them, even by accident.

As we know, Jesus did not come to congratulate the worldly, the wealthy and the wise, he came to lift up the last, the lowest, the least, the lame, and even the lepers. Jesus touches the man in today’s Gospel which, given the ritual purity laws of the time, is something he should never have done, and in that moment, two miracles occurred. The man has his humanity restored to him by the loving touch of Christ, and then his skin is healed.

In healing the leper, we see a miracle not unlike the raising of Lazarus from the dead. Jesus took a man, as good as dead, and gave him his life back. Isn’t it strange that Jesus does not want this man to tell anyone about who is responsible for his good fortune? But Jesus has his reasons. He wants people to believe in him because of faith, not because of fame. Jesus was able to work this amazing feat for this desperate soul because he did everything for the glory of God, as Paul suggested in the second reading. He is not alone. The Church has raised up countless saints who have imitated the selfless love of Christ in working with the sick, the diseased and the poor – chief among them the recently canonized saints, Mother Teresa of Calcutta and Saint Damien, the Leper Priest of Molokai. Their charity was not for their own benefit, but that others may be saved. That is where our time, talent and treasure can do the greatest good – when we use all that God has given us to lift up the last, the lowest and the least all around us.



LITURGY AND LIFE

- How can you grow in compassion during Lent?
- Is there an area of your life that needs to be healed? Will you call on the Lord for healing?
- How can our parish help members understand the option of preference for the poor?

Our Saint of the Week : SAINT DAMIEN OF MOLOKAI

Today’s Gospel centers on the plight of a leper and Jesus’ response of healing. In Hawaii, the bacterium that causes leprosy probably entered from China in the mid-1800s, and the native islanders were susceptible to the dreaded disease. In 1866, the government literally dumped the sufferers on a remote and virtually inaccessible island peninsula with towering cliffs. Thrown off ships into the sea, the sick people were told to swim for the beach and head for caves, and for seven years the only supplies were similarly cast into the sea to drift ashore. It was then, 1873, that a thirty-three-year-old Belgian priest, Damien de Veuster, went voluntarily to Kalaupapa. Before long, he cajoled the government into funding his mission and its hospital, built a village with proper homes and sanitation, and recruited Mother Marianne Cope to bring sisters from Syracuse, New York, to nurse the sick. Damien, who eventually died of leprosy, has been canonized, and Mother Marianne as well.



Although leprosy has been curable since the 1940s, today a few patients remain in their lifelong home, now a national historic site. The peninsula is still utterly isolated from the outside world, and the speed limit for the few cars there is 5 mph since there’s nowhere to go! The hospital is still well-staffed and equipped, but access is regulated and visitors must take an official tour, often involving a descent down the cliffs by “Molakai mule.” There are few places on earth that evoke the healing power of Jesus, or our call to follow the Healer, more than Damien’s beloved island mission.

In 1995, 85,000 people gathered in a football stadium in Brussels to celebrate the centenary of Blessed Damien, the leper priest, beatified by Pope St. John Paul II.. He worked with lepers and, like Jesus in today’s Gospel, word spread about him far and near. He was written about in newspapers from England to Australia. The day of the gathering was a national holiday in Belgium. The king and queen attended. The whole country was en fete. And all for one man who spent sixteen years working at the back of beyond, but working in Jesus’ name, and doing his work.

Neighborhood Celebration

SF Fire Credit Union is celebrating the end of a renovation and the beginning of a new (lunar) year.

Saint Stephens parishioners are welcome to join the celebration on Sunday, February 18th between 9:00 and 11:00 am. They’ll be in the parking lot at 555 Buckingham Way (near the blood bank).

Come and enjoy live performances by the Lowell High School Drum Corps, lion dances by Tak Fung Kwoon, firefighters and free lucky dumplings! Arrive early, a limited number of red envelopes will be distributed!

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, Feb 12

8:00 a.m.

Shay Ingelfinger *Sp Int*
(By: Parish Staff & Volunteers)

Tuesday, Feb 13

8:00 a.m.

† **Jeff A. Montgomery**
(By: Bill Montgomery)

Ash Wednesday

† **Stefanie Snider**
(By: Debby Diaz)

Wednesday, Feb 14

8:00 a.m. Ashes

11:00 a.m. Mass/ Ashes

6:30 p.m. Mass/ Ashes

† **Thelma Bible**
(By: Mary Molly Mullaney)

Thursday, Feb 15

8:00 a.m.

† **Bill Frost**
(By: Liam Frost)

Friday, Feb 16

8:00 a.m.

† **Maggie McDonald**
(By: Fely)

Saturday, Feb 17

8:00 a.m.

† **Vivian Mullaney**
(By: Parish Staff)

4:30 p.m.

† **Mary Ho**
(By: Viet Ho)

Sunday, Feb 18

8:00 a.m.

† **William & Irene Narry Sr**
(By: Ms Jessica Montgomery)

10:30 a.m.

† **Alfonso & Gloria Munoz
& Victoria Munoz**
(By: Mila & Tina Munoz)

6:30 p.m.

† **St Stephen Parishioners**
(By: Fr. Michael)

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 11, 2024



Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. — *1 Corinthians 10:31*

Today's Readings

First Reading — The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46).

Psalm — I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation (Psalm 32).

Second Reading — Do everything for the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31 — 11:1).

Gospel — The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-45).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time;**
World Marriage Day;
World Day of the Sick

Monday: **Lincoln's Birthday**
St. Benedict

Tuesday: **Mardi Gras; Shrove Tuesday**
St. Catherine de Ricci


Wednesday: **Ash Wednesday; Valentine's Day;**
Fast and Abstinence, St Cyril

Thursday: **St Claude de la Colombiere**

Friday: **Abstinence;**

Saturday: **The Seven Holy Founders of the**
Servite Order

You're ALL Invited!
HOLY HOUR of
EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTION
Exposition, Adoration and Benediction
(Weekdays, right after the 8am Mass)
Mondays through Fridays, 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.



THE BIG THREE

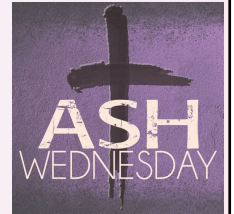
(Matthew 6:3-4, 6, 27-18)

We aren't just spiritual beings. We are also physical entities, and the way to the soul is through the body. That's why Lenten discipline has historically centered on the "Big Three" of Fasting, Almsgiving, and Prayer.

FASTING is not just a spiritual diet. By denying our bodies, our physical hunger reminds us of the hunger of our souls for God, our longing for a deeper relationship with our Lord.

ALMSGIVING teaches us to separate ourselves from material possessions. By freely giving of our money and possessions, we learn to trust the Lord more deeply for our own daily needs.

Finally, an emphasis on **PRAYER** during Lent is a way to stir up our love and ardor by having a deepening conversation with the Almighty. Remember that the light of God's love shines more brightly in the darkness of the recognition of our own sinfulness.



A CHURCH ACCESSIBLE!

Saint Stephen Church is left open Monday through Saturday from after the morning Mass until 4:00 p.m. This gives you the opportunity to stop by and make a personal/private visit with the Blessed Sacrament and to offer your prayers in a quiet, warm and comfortable atmosphere

So, when you are out for an afternoon walk or returning home from shopping or work -- feel free to stop by.



Sick Relatives & Friends

Please pray for the sick and homebound of our community and for all those written in our book of the sick. May they know the healing touch of Jesus.

Ricardo Taylor, Perry Young,
Antoinette Mishirsky, Maggie Harbison, Danilo Dacasin,
Greg Lorio, Adelle Caunan, Debbie Nunes,
Tony Devincenzi, Julie Burton, Nestor & Nelson Plondaya,
Marie Bachand, Francis Yiu, Edna Amora, Rodney Clark,
Michelle Vicente, Michelle Weeks, Franz Tittiger,
Carlota Plondaya, Robert Liam, Marino Tulao,
Eden Finn, Edileide Jose Barbosa, Kenneth Fambrini,
Larry Barbieri, Carol Dominguez, Marc Gutierrez,
Catherine Scossieria, Gwendolyn Walsh,
Joel Rivera, Jovita & Richard Thompson.

Please call the office to add or remove names

A Taste of the Philippines



Maraming salámat po!
Thank you very much!

Fr. Michael, Fr. Ben, and the Parish Staff would like to thank all of the people who helped make the Taste of the Philippines event such a success.

It was a night to remember with the savory Filipino dishes which were enjoyed by all, the entertaining folk dance performances by the Parangal Dance Company (who even got a few audience members up to try

dancing with a candle balanced on their heads), and ended with the exciting live auction and raffle.

Special thanks to the event team who have been working on the event for months (alphabetically): Sally Brien Holper, Vicky Francisco, Nellie Hizon, Renzo Hrvatin, Sergio Mungcal, Ruby Roque (and their spouses who supported them). The Masters of Ceremony (MC): Vince Francisco & Dcn. Olet Abad.

Raffle & Silent Auction Donors: Renzo & Debbie Hrvatin, Caludio's Auto Repair, Giovanna Hrvatin, Ms. Helga D'Arcy, Ruby Roque & Ed Quan, Lindy Calanoc, Ana Javellana, Cora Rivera, Carol & Ding Cagalingan, Sal & Linda Rizzo, Diane Linehan, Theresa Spiers, Lucille Sanchez-Corea, **EVENT SPONSORS:** Francisco Family, Mungcal Family, Ruby Roque & Ed Quan, Marlon Austria, Superette Market, Hanna Winery, The Bread Basket, Lucky's Store, San Bruno, **VOLUNTEERS:** Ann Taylor, Gerald and Jodette Carrillo, Sherwin Cabatic, Marilyn Mullaney, St. Stephen 8th Graders, Leland Ramirez, William Taylor, Joan Zhao and Elijah Cabatic.



St. Stephen Catholic Book Club

February book: **"Wake Up With Purpose!: What I've Learned in My First Hundred Years"** by Sister Jean Schmidt

Known to millions as simply "Sister Jean," the Loyola Chicago matriarch and college basketball icon invites you into her

remarkable memoir filled with history, wonder, and common-sense wisdom for this century and beyond. As Sister Jean wisely says, "I've seen so many changes in the last 102 years, but the important things remain the same." Part life story, part philosophy text, and part spiritual guide, Sister Jean's wit, wisdom, and common sense has broad appeal and application that transcends religious creed, belief. The driving force inside Wake Up with Purpose! is the narrative of Sister Jean's fascinating life--from teaching at a Catholic school during the Second World War to serving on a Chicago college campus in the sixties and beyond to cheering from the sidelines of a men's basketball tournament in March 2018.

Book Club meets Sat., Feb. 10, 10:00 a.m. in the parish office. Contact Mary Molly for more information.

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Join the SFSU Newman Club for Newman Nights every Thursday from 6-8 pm. We will meet for Mass in the church and will move to the rectory for fellowship after.



Feb 8th: Praise and Adoration (No Mass)

February 11th: Mass & Super Bowl Party (Mass at 2, Party following, no Sunday Supper)

February 14th: Ash Wednesday Mass on Campus (time tbd)

Feb 15th: Karaoke Night

Feb 22nd: Theology on Tap

Feb 29th: Leap Year Party

Every Sunday 6:30 Student Mass 7:30 Free Sunday Supper

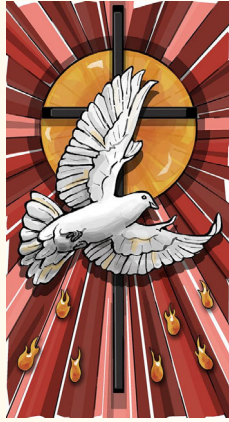
All SFSU and surrounding community college students are welcome! Contact Victoria with any questions!

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The best prayer I ever heard:
"Lord please make me the person my dog thinks I am."

St. Stephen Confirmation

Congratulations to our students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Thursday, Feb. 8, with Rev. Howell presiding here in St. Stephen Church. We are so proud of the dedication they have shown during the preparation process for this sacrament that marks their maturity in their Catholic Faith. Confirmation is not a graduation but a starting point. They have completed the Sacraments of Initiation and are now Full Members of the Catholic Church. We thank their teachers for their commitment to preparing the students for this life-long journey: Mrs. Malia Peterson and Ms. Ginger Trumbour.



Dominic **Sebastian** Andrini
Mark **John** Bautista
George **Rocco** Bessolo
Angelina **Anne** Branch
Sarafina **Angela** Cabatic
Dashiell **Michael** Dulany
Sebastian **Gabriel** Esperanzate
Anthony **Matthew** Fambrini
Maia **Lorenzo** Fernandez
Cian **Michael** Halton
Bonnie **Elizabeth** Hatch
Noah **Francis** Houghton
Mason **Martin** Kelly
Bianca **Catherine** Kennedy
Keeley **Clare** Kilroy
Avery **Luigi** Kyrie
Libby **Rose** McGrillen
Edward **George** Naser
Finn **Gabriel** O'Donoghue
Leland **Genesius** Ramirez
Emma **Rose** Rivera
Andrew **Sebastian** Sweet
William **Joseph** Taylor
Quinci **Catherine** Wong
Rachel **Gemma** Zhao

ASH WEDNESDAY Season of Lent, Begins



This Wednesday, February 14th, the Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. Our mass schedule will be: 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Ashes will be distributed during each

of these Mass Services.

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE REGULATIONS FOR LENT

- Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays in Lent including GOOD FRIDAY.
- Everyone 18 years of age and under 60 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- On these two days of fast and abstinence only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal one full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices, are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
- To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is a serious matter.
- Going to Mass every Sunday, doing acts of charity, forgiveness, and good deeds of virtue are obligations of daily life of Catholics especially during Lent.

Interested in becoming Catholic?



If you, or someone you know, may be interested in the Catholic Faith, or have been Baptized but never finished receiving the Sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation, you are encouraged to contact Mary Molly in the parish office (415) 681-244 x4 or email: Faith-Fomation@SaintStephenSF.org

Also, please call or email Mary Molly Mullaney to learn more about what our parish has to offer for adult faith formation

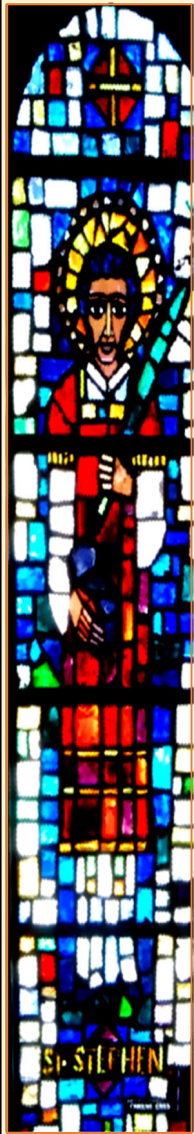
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Text "SAINTSTEPHENSF" to 73256 to give using your mobile device.



Prayer to St. Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen. (Pope Leo)



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Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us!

You can **sign up** or **update** your information by completing this form & placing it in the collection basket, or by mailing it to the Parish Office, or by phone at 415-681-2444 or at www.saintstephensf.org

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Contact Phone (H W CP) _____

Email _____

Complete Mailing Address _____

_____ City/ZIP _____

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If you're a regular donor but not a registered parishioner, take a moment to be sure your giving history will be complete for your tax letter.

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